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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original). An operating method, which comprises the steps of:

providing a memory device for storing data;

storing the data in the memory device a plurality of times resulting in originally stored data; and

reconstructing the originally stored data as required from the data stored a plurality of times taking into account a direction of any memory content changes which arise.

Claim 2 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises during the reconstruction of the data originally stored in the memory device, subjecting mutually corresponding bits of the data stored a plurality of times to a Boolean operation.

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Claim 3 (currently amended). The ~~memory device~~ method according to claim 1, which comprises configuring the memory device to store the

data, that are to be stored in the memory device, automatically in the memory device a plurality of times.

Claim 4 (new). The method according to claim 1, which comprises:

providing additional information dependent on the data being stored in the memory device; and

reconstructing the originally stored data as required from the data stored a plurality of times and the additional information.